

In the Claims

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. The absorbent material of claim 9 wherein the polyamine is selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) polymers having [first] primary amine groups;
 - (b) polymers having [second] secondary amine groups; and
 - (c) polymers having [third] tertiary amine groups.
11. The absorbent material of Claim 10, wherein the [first] primary amine is selected from the group consisting of a polyvinylamine, a polyallylamine and mixtures thereof.
12. The absorbent material of Claim 10, wherein the [second] secondary amine is a polyethyleneamine.
13. The absorbent material of Claim 10, wherein the [third] tertiary amine is selected from the group consisting of a poly N, N-dimethylalkyl amine, a poly-N-alkylamine, and mixtures thereof.

REMARKS

Applicant's Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-19 and 39-41 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-19 and 39-41 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated June 21, 2000. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections which follow.

I. The Examiner's 35 USC 103 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 and 39-41 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (U.S. 5,849,405) in view of Early (U.S. 4,468,428) and Anjur et al (US 5,645,542). In particular, the Examiner asserts that Wang et al. teaches the creation of an absorbent material suitable as a disposable diaper comprising absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer. He also notes that the material further comprises a polycationic polymer and a carrier layer, wherein the polycationic polymer is bonded to the absorbent gelling particles.